

MASONIC FUNDRAISER

In aid of

PROSTATE SCOTLAND

CHARITY ABSEIL – FORTH RAIL BRIDGE – SUNDAY 10 MAY 2020

For the past three years I have been getting asked by brethren whether there is another charity fundraising event in planning, for the past two years I have been considering a sponsored charity abseil event as a fundraiser for Prostate Scotland the current nominated charity of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Prostate Scotland have now managed to provisionally secure thirty two places on the Forth Rail Bridge Abseil Event which is one of the most prestigious participant charity events in Scotland, Prostate Scotland is seeking to allocate these places to Scottish Freemasons. This figure of thirty two just happens to coincide with the number of Provincial Grand Lodges in Scotland so we are in the position of being able to offer every province a place. In the event that not all provinces take up their option, places will be allocated to provinces who want and can support additional places.

The event is organised annually by The Rotary Club of South Queensferry who work with The Glasgow Climbing Centre, Network Rail and Balfour Beatty required to provide services and make the event safe and such a success, In previous years up to nearly 400 participants have taken part on behalf of many Scottish Charities both national and local. Prostate Scotland have not been able to secure places in the past. From the thirty two places The Rotary Club of South Queensferry would receive about £2,250 from registration fees and sponsorship monies to meet their organising costs and a contribution to their local charities, Prostate Scotland are happy with this arrangement and they will pay our participant's registration fee of £30 as a token of the relationship that has now built up between Prostate Scotland and Scottish Freemasonry.

Ideally all 32 Provincial Grand Masters would sign-up and take part, however that is extremely unlikely due to many factors. I am however sure that every province will have many brethren who would be keen to take part and who with the support of the lodges and brethren of the province could raise a substantial amount for the charity. There is no upper age limit or weight restriction, but participants should be in good general health and over 18 years of age. The masonic brethren will be able to participate as a group or groups together.

Scottish Freemasonry has shown fantastic support for Prostate Scotland over the years, not only in fundraising but also in raising awareness of prostate disease in men in their local communities. To date the amount raised by Scottish Freemasons for Prostate Scotland is £551,000 which has been transformational. When we all work together we can make fantastic things happen!

How can we make things happen?

- 1. Commit your province to taking part.**
- 2. Complete the attached form in the name of the participating brother to be registered and return as soon as possible.**
- 3. Sponsorship will be by traditional sponsor sheets, Justgiving (this is the preferred method as it is more effective and tax is recoverable by the charity) and whatever innovative schemes you devise.**
- 4. Raise sponsorship of at least £250 to support the brother and the charity. With the support from provinces, lodges and brethren most masonic participants would expect to enjoy a substantially higher level of sponsorship.**
- 5. Attend and enjoy.**

I attach a copy of the registration form. Please complete and return the form to me and I will co-ordinate the returns with Prostate Scotland.

Please return the forms to me, electronically if possible, as soon as possible but before 20 January 2020 as places will go very quickly.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

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